Amendment of Monuments Act

5385. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Monuments Acts of 1958 will be updated to protect our historical heritage;

(b) whether Government have assessed the damage being done to the historical monuments of our country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have come across any historically important monuments being not taken proper care of;

(e) if so, what is the plan of action of Government to preserve and protect such monuments; and

(f) what are the historical sites found through excavation by Archaeological Survey of India during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. The Ancient Monuments, Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and rules made thereunder are comprehensive and meet the requirements.

(b) to (e) The preservation and maintenance of centrally protected monuments is an ongoing process and necessary repairs are carried out as per actual requirements, subject to the availability of resources.

(f)The details of historical sites excavated by the Archaeological Survey of India during the last three years is enclosed as statement.

STATEMENT

State-wise details of the Historical Sites Excavated by Archaeological Survey of India during the last three years 1997-9,8, 1998-99, 1999-2000

ASSAM

1. Surya Pahar, distt. Goalpara

BIHAR

1. Ashokan Pillar Sile Kclhua, Distt. Muzaffarpur
2. Kesariya, Distt. Champaran
3. Old Jail Campus, Bankipur, Distt. Patna

GOA

1. St. Augustine Church, Distt. North Goa
2. Chandote, Distt. North Goa

KARNATAKA

1. Hampi, Distt. Bellary
2. Kanganhalli, Distt. Gulbarga
3. Gudnapur, Distt. Uttara Kannada
4. Hasargangudi, Distt. Gulbarga
5. Mirjan Fort, Distt. North Kanara
6. Ancient Palace Site (Lal Mahal), at Srirangapatna, Distt. Srirangapatna

KERALA

1. Bekal Fort, Distt. Kasargode

MADHYA PRADESH

1. Sanchi, Distt. Raisen
2. Kotwal Kutwar, Distt. Morena (M.P.)
3. Satdhara, Distt. Raisen
4. Bijamandal Mound, Khajuraho, Distt. Chattarpur
5. Barhat, Distt. Rewa

MAHARASHTRA

1. Paithan, Distt. Aurangabad

ORISSA

1. Udaigiri, Distt. Jajpur

RAJASTHAN

1. Lachhura, Distt. Bhilwara

TAMIL NADU

1. Shore Temple Complex, Distt. Kanchipuram

JAMMU &KASHMIR

1. Kansipur, Distt. Baramulla
3. Jafur Chak, Distt. Jammu
3. Guru Baba-ka-Tibba, Distt. Jammu
4. Ambaran, Distt. Jammu

TRIPURA

1. Thakurani Tilla, Distt. Paschim Pillak, South Tripura
2. Shyam Sunder Tila

UTTAR PRADESH

1. Aunha, Distt. Kanpur
2. Bisokhar, Distt. Ghaziabad
3. Sravasti (Maheth), Distt. Bahraich
4. Bhita, Distt. Allahabad
5. Sankisa, Distt. Farrukhabad 6
6. aehpur Sikri, Distt. Agra

7. Charda, Distt. Bahraich
8. Oiajhar, Distt. Balrampur
9. Chaukhandi Stupa, Distt. Varanasi, Sarnath, U.P.

WEST BENGAL

1. Rajpat at Khalsa, Distt. Cooch Bihar
2. Chandraketugarh, Distt. North 24 Paraganas.

Pitiable condition of Lalit Kala Kendra, Calcutta

5386. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the condition of the building of Rashtriya Lalit Kala Kendra, Calcutta which functions as a regional centre of Central Lalit Kala Akademy, is pitiable particularly during the monsoon;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the building was built on a sharing basis between the Central and State Government; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve the conditions of the Kendra?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) The Lalit Kala Akademi has confirmed that the building condition ^prevailing at the cutta Regional Office is not in a pitiable condition.

(b) The building was gifted by the State Government of West Bengal and not constructed by the Central and State Government on a sharing basis.

(c) Does not arise.